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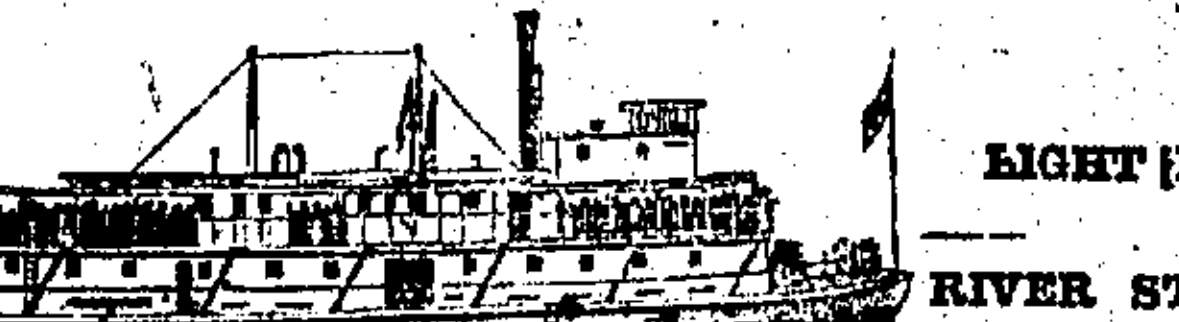
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DIVIDEND WARRANTS at the Com-
pany's Office, PRINCE'S STREET.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
General Managers,
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.,
Hongkong, March 5, 1904. 441

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.
THE THIRTY-FIFTH ORDINARY
MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS
in the Company will be held at the COM-
PANY'S OFFICES, No. 3, Queen's Road
Central, Victoria, on THURSDAY, the
10th March, at 11.30 a.m., for the purpose
of receiving a Statement of Accounts and
the Report of the Directors for the year
ending 31st December, 1903.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Com-
pany will be CLOSED from the 25th inst.
to the 10th proximo, both days inclusive.

By Order,
GEO. L. TOMLIN,
Secretary.
Hongkong, February 10, 1904. 280

HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED.
NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.
THE SEVENTEENTH ORDINARY
ANNUAL MEETING OF SHARE-
HOLDERS in the above Company will be
held at the COMPANY'S OFFICE, No. 2,
Connaught Road, at 12.15 p.m., on
THURSDAY, the 10th MARCH, for the
purpose of receiving the Report of the
Directors, with a Statement of Accounts
to the 31st December, 1903.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Com-
pany will be CLOSED from the 1st to the
10th MARCH, both days inclusive.

R. J. MACGOWAN,
Acting Secretary.
Hongkong, February 22, 1904. 354

THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP CO., LTD.
THE TWENTY-FIRST ORDINARY
GENERAL MEETING OF SHARE-
HOLDERS in the above Company will be
held at the COMPANY'S OFFICE, No. 14, Des
Vaux Road, Victoria, on SATURDAY,
the 19th March, 1904, at 11 a.m., for the
purpose of receiving a Statement of Ac-
counts and the Report of the General
Managers for the year ending 31st Decem-
ber, 1903.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Com-
pany will be CLOSED from WEDNES-
DAY, the 16th March, to SATURDAY,
the 19th March, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, March 5, 1904. 440

THE CHINA-BORNEO COMPANY, LIMITED.
NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.
THE FIRST ORDINARY YEARLY
MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS
of the above Company will be held at the
OFFICE of the COMPANY, No. 4, QUEEN'S
BUILDING, on SATURDAY, the 19th
March, 1904, at 12 o'clock Noon, to receive
a Statement of Accounts to the 31st
December, 1903, and the Report of the
General Manager and Consulting Com-
mittee and to Elect a Consulting Com-
mittee and Auditor.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Com-
pany will be CLOSED from 5th to 19th of
March (both days inclusive).

J. WHEELEY,
General Manager.
Hongkong, March 3, 1904. 421

CHINA SUGAR REFINING CO., LIMITED.
NOTICE.
THE TWENTY-SIXTH ORDINARY
ANNUAL MEETING OF SHARE-
HOLDERS of the Company will be held
at the OFFICES of the General Agents,
Podder's Street, on THURSDAY, the 24th
day of MARCH, 1904, at 12.30 p.m., for
the purpose of receiving the Report and
Statement of Accounts for the year
ending 31st December, 1903.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Com-
pany will be CLOSED from 11th to 24th
March, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
General Agents.
Hongkong, March 5, 1904. 437

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THE TWENTY-SECOND ORDINARY
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SHARE-
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Podder's Street, on THURSDAY, the 24th
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the purpose of receiving the Report and
Statement of Accounts to 31st December,
1903.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Com-
pany will be CLOSED from the 11th to the
24th MARCH, both days inclusive.

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Hongkong, March 7, 1904. 444

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Intimations.

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inst., and from 600 to 4,000 yards, on the
11th inst., and from Lyemun Sub-District
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12th inst., in the direction of the entrance
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yards.
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on the 14th March.
Practice will commence at 9 a.m. on the
9th and 11th, and at 8.30 a.m. on the 12th,
and end at 11 a.m. daily, if the range is
clear.

By Command,
A. M. THOMSON,
Acting Colonial Secretary.
Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, March 2, 1904. 424

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Hongkong, February 4, 1904. 238

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3.00 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. Every 15 minutes.
3.30 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. Every 10 minutes.
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SMITH'S GIRL.
'I wouldn't put it past her,' said Mrs
Smith ponderously, 'after her taking the
scented soap for the washing up.'
A tumbled head inserted itself in the
doorway, the forehead adorned with such a
large number of curling-pins that the
tightly-crowded hair drew the eyebrows up
obliquely.
'Do you want the spuds boiled in their
jackets?'
'No,' said Mrs Smith, 'and I want them
peeled cleanly, and the eyes cut out, and
some salt put in the water, as—'
'Didn't know you was expectin' the
Prince o' Wales,' was the retort, and the
door closed with a bang.
'Did you ever?' Mrs Smith shook her
head sadly, and added, 'Ten shillings a
week, too, and two evenings a week.'
'I don't know what the world's coming to,'
murmured her visitor.
'I'll tell her to bring in a cup of tea, but
you'll have to excuse the way she does it.'
'Gracious, yes; I've had enough experi-
ence of girls.'
'Any fancy trimmings?' inquired the girl,
when the request was conveyed to her.
'Any o' them doilets an' things?'
'Yes, make it look as nice as you can.'
When the tray arrived the girl laid it on
the table with a satisfied smirk, stared in-
quisitively at the lace collar worn by the
visitor, decided that it was one she had
seen hanging in the window at the general
store, marked five and six, that she had in-
tended to purchase it herself. She rubbed
her hand across her nose, sighed, scratched
her head, and disappeared.
'Did you ever?' exclaimed Mrs Smith
again, as she looked at the tray.
There was a frilled doily under the tea-
pot, another under the milk jug, another
under the sugar basin, while the bread and
butter lay on a folded brush and comb bag,
and the cake was adorned with geranium
leaves.
The visitor, who was proud of her society
manners, affected to notice nothing.
'Pon my word,' said Mrs Smith, as she
removed the geranium leaves.
A few minutes later the door was opened
again, and the girl put her head in.
'Just go to the door if any one comes,
I'm goin' to clean myself. The kittle's on
if you want more water in the pot.'
Mrs Smith murmured 'Did you ever?'
again, and then began to explain that she
was quite a new girl, had only come that
week, and that she was a good laundress.
'One can't have everything,' concluded
Mrs Smith, and the visitor agreed with her
cordially.
Later on, when the visitor had departed,
Mrs Smith went out to the kitchen. The
girl sat on the table reading a penny
novel.
'Read this?' she inquired, 'Doom of
Angler.' There's a fellow in it, and I'd
slap his face if he spoke to me that way.
He's murdered his wife, an' poked her in-
to a chimney, an' then he dresses up like
a ghost at night to frighten the rest of the
household away, and when the governess
falls in love with him he skates away a lot
o' rot about how he'll kill her if she don't
leave him. If Joe Skilly talked that way to
me I'd warm his ears for him.'
Mrs Smith, large, timid, and diffident,
murmured 'Oh,' and made an inquiry
about the potatoes.
'Good thing you reminded me, never
thought of them since, an' the boss 'll be in
in 'arf an hour. Does he get waxy if meals
are late?'
'He doesn't like it,' returned Mrs Smith.
'They're all the same. When they're
empty inside they bellow till you fill 'em.
I near died laughing, often, last place I
was in, the way the boss'd go on if things
was late. He was an engine driver, and he
wanted meals to the tick o' the clock.
He'd bang the doors, smack the kids, and
give 'em the missus what for, when dinner
wasn't up to time.'
'Well, but it must have been as much as
his place was worth, if he was late.'
'I ought to know that; he'd say it twen-
ty times in a day, and one day she had to
go up to town, and there was just stew for
dinner, and bless if I don't forget it. Once
I get thinkin' of something I'm done for,
an' I no more thought of that stew than I
did of the moon. My, I did get a start.
Nearly give me the heart disease, when I
heard his foot in the passage.'
'What did you do?' Mrs Smith had
put on the potatoes herself, and arranged
the fire.
'Well, I've got presence of mind; if I've
got nothing else, and down I went on the
floor, an' began groavin' gentilely.'
'Why?' inquired Mrs Smith.
'The only thing I could do. I slung the
book I was readin' into the potato sack
first. In he comes, 'Dinner ready?' he
says. No answer, only groans from me.
He swears; he was a daisy. I've never
known anyone that'd treat him that way.
He listens a minute, then hears my groans,
an' he comes to the kitchen.'
Mrs Smith began laying the crockery
ready on the tray, but her interest in the
story was evident. 'Well,'
'Well, he looks down at me, and swears

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again. 'What the devil's wrong?' he says. I open my eyes, gasp a little, and say, 'Who's that?' 'You'll jolly well see,' he says, 'when you get a bucket of cold water over you.' I take no notice, only shut my eyes, and groan again. Time enough to jump up, I think, when he gets the bucket. He looks at me a minute like, considerin', then goes to the safe, and looks in. 'Here get up,' he says, 'and make me a pot o' tea, an' I'll do with what's here.' I groan again, and he looks at me again. 'Poor thing,' he says, 'then I s'pose I must get me own pot o' tea.' He spoke so gentle for him that I felt quite sorry, but I couldn't give in then.

'Well,' said Mrs. Smith, who had cut the bread, and put out butter and jam.

'Well, then, I give another groan, and I heard him fillin' the kettle. The next minute, if you'll believe me, he was pourin' it all over me. 'Nuthin' better,' he says, 'for them attacks on a hot day than a little cold water, an' if you don't have somethin' ready for me, eat inside five minutes out you go, bag and baggage.' I got up droopin'. I rubbed some o' the water off, an' then I got 'im his dinner, in the quickest time ever I did anythin', the water droppin' off of me an' makin' the 'ole place sloppy. But I'm terrible forgetful, always was. Me mother she was always roundin' me up, and me sisters they get on to me like anythin'.

'How about getting tea now?' suggested Mr. Smith.

'Gracious, yes; look at the clock, the boss 'll be in 'arf a minute. You've been an' got the tray ready while I was talkin', fancy me not notice.' Dad, he'd say, afore the pewmoniar took him off, that I'd be late for me own funeral.

'Well, you certainly must try and hurry, it will be no good expectin' to stay here if you don't.'

'I wasn't expectin' to stay long. I get tired of places pretty soon, but I'll do me best so long as I'm home. D'ye like this blouse? Some say pink's my colour, but I can't abide it; blue's what I like, but I'm a bit sallow. You could wear blue nice, only you're a bit stout for light colours. Well, if these potatoes aren't near to smash. That's just like me.'

'If you are thinkin' of givin' notice,' began Mrs. Smith.

'Oh, not for a bit. Everything's comfortable, and you an' me get on all right, but it's quiet, an' the boss he's not one o' them to pass a bit of a joke when he's cleanin' his boots, or anythin', but I'll stay a bit anyway.'—F. F. in *The Australasian*.

THE 'HAIMUN'S' ADVENTURES.

While many war correspondents are kicking their heels, those of the *Haimun* despatch-boat, chartered by the Times, is, by all accounts, enjoying a little fun. Already, we hear (says the *N.C. Daily News*), that the *Haimun* has been chased by a Japanese cruiser, and it is understood that strong exception is taken to the Marconi telegraphic apparatus which forms an interesting part of the equipment. That this should be so is not unreasonable, for although the correspondent board might be of the discreetest and their messages of the most harmless description, the possession of the Marconi apparatus might enable them, purposely or otherwise, to interfere with the wireless messages despatched by the Japanese admiral.

South China Directory.

We have received from the South China Morning Post, Limited, the South China Directory and blotting pad for 1904. The combination of these two articles, so essential to the business man, is a convenience that will be welcomed in every office in which the Directory and blotter finds its way. The Directory includes Hongkong and Canton, with a Ladies' Directory to each; list of Consisting steamers; Foreign residents; chair, ricksha and boat hire rates; and the hundred and eighteen pages that comprise a Directory of a handy size and is well worth the price asked. On each sheet of blotting paper is printed a small Calendar, which adds to its worth. The publication is one which we welcome heartily. We have also received two Chinese calendars from the same firm, which are excellent specimens of lithographic work, and which compare favorably with anything of the same character that we have seen from England. All this work has been done in the colony.

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Albion	battleship, 1st class	12,500	16	13,500	Captain F. H. M. Jerram	Hongkong
Albatross	cruiser, 1st class	1000	6	1400	Commander R. Nugent	Hongkong
Albatross	cruiser, 1st class	11,000	16	18,000	Captain F. G. Stopford	Hongkong
Albatross	gunboat, 1st class	600	12	1300	Lieut.-Comd. F. M. Leake	Hongkong
Albatross	gunboat, 1st class	710	6	1300	Lieut.-Comd. T. D. Pratt	Hongkong
Albatross	gunboat, 1st class	10,500	14	13,000	Captain Fegan	Hongkong
Albatross	gunboat, 1st class	12,000	14	21,000	Captain Henry M. Tudor	Hongkong
Albatross	water tank and tug	390	—	300	—	Hongkong
Albatross	cruiser, 2nd class	5600	11	9600	Captain Robert H. S. Stokes	Hongkong
Albatross	gunboat, 1st class	1070	10	1400	Comdr. Ernest Barton	Hongkong
Albatross	torpedo boat destroyer	350	6	6700	—	Hongkong
Albatross	cruiser, 3rd class	1500	12	1300	Comdr. P. V. Lawes, D.S.O.	Hongkong
Albatross	battleship, 1st class	12,500	16	13,500	Captain W. A. Carter	Hongkong
Albatross	torpedo boat destroyer	275	6	4000	Lieut.-Comd. H. L. Wall	Hongkong
Albatross	torpedo boat destroyer	275	6	4000	—	Hongkong
Albatross	storeship	1840	—	800	Comdr. J. D. Daintree	Hongkong
Albatross	torpedo boat destroyer	280	6	3900	Lieut.-Comdr. C. Anas	Hongkong
Albatross	river gunboat	—	4	—	Lieut.-Comdr. G. E. Powell	Hongkong
Albatross	cruiser, 1st class	14,100	—	31,500	Hon. N. G. Stopford	Hongkong
Albatross	river gunboat	12,350	16	13,500	Lieut.-Comdr. G. G. Webster	Hongkong
Albatross	battleship, 1st class	350	6	6300	Captain R. F. Foote, C.M.G.	Hongkong
Albatross	torpedo boat destroyer	1015	6	1400	Lieut.-Comd. G. G. Oodington	Hongkong
Albatross	gunboat, 1st class	835	6	650	Commander W. H. Nicholson	Hongkong
Albatross	gunboat, 1st class	980	10	1400	Captain Morris H. Smyth	Hongkong
Albatross	gunboat, 1st class	85	2	240	Com. J. St. A. Wake	Hongkong
Albatross	gunboat, 1st class	980	6	240	Lieut.-Comd. John P. Ivan	Hongkong
Albatross	gunboat, 1st class	85	2	240	Comdr. T. Jackson	Hongkong
Albatross	gunboat, 1st class	3600	8	9000	Capt. G. H. H. Moore	Hongkong
Albatross	gunboat, 1st class	85	2	240	Lieut.-Comdr. Davidson	Hongkong
Albatross	torpedo boat destroyer	355	6	6300	—	Hongkong
Albatross	torpedo boat destroyer	260	6	6500	—	Hongkong
Albatross	cruiser, 2nd class	5600	11	9600	—	Hongkong
Albatross	gunboat, 1st class	450	6	6700	—	Hongkong
Albatross	gunboat, 1st class	180	2	800	Lieut.-Comdr. E. V. Dugmore	Hongkong
Albatross	gunboat, 1st class	3400	8	9000	Capt. J. A. C. Wilkinson	Hongkong
Albatross	gunboat, 1st class	363	3	200	Lieut. Forbes	Hongkong
Albatross	gunboat, 1st class	12,350	16	13,500	Capt. Leslie Stuart, C.M.G.	Hongkong
Albatross	gunboat, 1st class	980	10	1400	Comdr. S. St. John Farquhar	Hongkong
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Aspern	Austrian cruiser	962	—	—	Capt. Friedrich Grinzenberger	Odessa
Kaiserin Elisabeth	Austrian cruiser	4000	—	—	Captain Mirth	Odessa
Acheron	French gunboat	1796	—	—	Captain Lefebvre	Saigon
Alouette	French gunboat	300	—	—	Lieut. A. Varney	Saigon
Argos	French gunboat	475	3	450	Capt. Crespin	Saigon
Aspie	French gunboat	—	—	—	Commander Journe	Saigon
Avananche	French gunboat	580	—	—	Lieut. Heron	Saigon
Bongai	French gunboat	3740	29	9000	Capt. Lefebvre	Saigon
Bugard	French cruiser	8018	18	—	Captain V. Foulds	Saigon
Chateausault	French gunboat	525	—	—	Commander Lout	Saigon
Comete	French gunboat	890	—	—	Commander Guthrie	Saigon
Decidies	French gunboat	1250	6	2200	Capt. Le Gollier	Saigon
Kersaint	French gunboat	470	—	—	Capt. Bécou	Saigon
Lion	French cruiser	9700	12	19,600	Captain Arca	Saigon
Montcalm	French gunboat	4015	27	8300	Capt. Horst	Saigon
Orly	French cruiser	9437	8	6071	Captain Seube	Saigon
Redoubtable	French cruiser	1786	10	900	Capt. Vincent	Saigon
Styx	French gunboat	822	2	—	Captain Thomas	Saigon
Surprise	French gunboat	—	—	—	Lieut. Gaillard	Saigon
Taklong	French gunboat	—	—	—	Captain Blondel	Saigon
Takou	French destroyer	—	—	—	Lieut. Carol	Saigon
Vauban	French cruiser	—	—	—	Co. adm. Villeneuve	Saigon
Vigilant	French gunboat	400	4	441	—	—
Vipere	French gunboat	—	—	—	—	—
Bussard	German cruiser	1857	15	2900	Comdr. Huss	Amoy
Fürst Bismarck	German flagship	11,000	38	14,000	Captain Friedrich	Shanghai
Geier	German cruiser	1776	15	2260	Comdr. von Studnitz	Shanghai
Hansa	German cruiser	6000	34	10,000	Capt. van Someren	Shanghai
Hertha	German cruiser	6000	37	10,000	Capt. Baron Schimmelmair	Shanghai
Ilia	German gunboat	1000	10	1300	Capt. Baron M. Halleson	Shanghai
Jager	German gunboat	900	10	1300	Comdr. Willbrandt	Shanghai
Lucas	German gunboat	850	10	—	Comdr. Koonke	Shanghai
Möwe	German gunboat	1528	15	2800	Comdr. Pospert	Shanghai
Seeadler	German cruiser	1640	10	1500	Comdr. Pontius	Shanghai
Tiger	German gunboat	900	10	1500	Comdr. Deimling	Shanghai
Vorwaerts	German gunboat	—	—	—	Lieut.-Comdr. von Welle	Shanghai
Thetis	German cruiser	—	—	—	Captain Dick	Shanghai
Elba	Italian cruiser	2730	10	7471	Captain Volocelli	Hongkong
Piemonte	Italian cruiser	2427	34	12,000	Captain Duseano	Shanghai
Veneto	Italian cruiser	4500	24	6200	Captain Zani	Shanghai
Vittorio Pisani	Italian cruiser	6500	18	13,000	Capt. Cali	Nagasaki
Dia	Portuguese gunboat	720	—	—	Captain Diogo de Sa	Macao
Zaire	Portuguese gunboat	600	—	—	Capt. F. J. Barboza Espi	Macao
Albatross	Russian gunboat	810	6	780	Comdr. Guinter	Vladivostok
Amur	Russian cruiser	2800	5	4700	Comdr. Gerasimovich	Port Arthur
Askold	Russian cruiser	6000	27	—	Capt. Reitzenschein	Sunk (9)
Boyan	Russian cruiser	7800	30	16,500	—	Port Arthur
Bayarin	Russian cruiser	3300	8	—	—	Sunk
Bobro	Russian gunboat	1050	8	1150	Comdr. Erjckovitch	Port Arthur
Bogatyr	Russian cruiser	6640	12	—	—	Port Arthur
Dians	Russian cruiser	6781	6	—	—	Port Arthur
Digblit	Russian gunboat	1468	3	1700	Capt. Nasarowsky	Port Arthur
Gomnak	Russian gunboat	500	9	8500	Comdr. Yonich	Port Arthur
Graniatshoby	Russian gunboat	1490	6	2900	Comdr. Zagoransky	Port Arthur
Gromobol	Russian cruiser	12,364	44	14,500	Captain Jessen	Vladivostok
Guilak	Russian gunboat	1000	6	1000	Comdr. Shumoff	Sunk
Koreetz	Russian gunboat	1213	7	1500	Comdr. Novakowsky	Shanghai
Mandjour	Russian gunboat	1224	7	1400	Commander Crown	Port Arthur
Navarin	Russian battleship	10,208	12	9000	—	Port Arthur
Norik	Russian cruiser	3000	6	17,000	—	Port Arthur
Obonjay	Russian gunboat	1490	6	2000	Comdr. Vasiliev	Port Arthur
Pallada	Russian cruiser	8781	12	—	—	Port Arthur
Pervorist	Russian gunboat	12,674	15	14,500	Captain Koroleff	Port Arthur
Petropavlovsk	Russian battleship	13,460	16	10,600	Captain Jakovlev	Port Arthur
Pobeda	Russian battleship	12,674	15	14,500	Capt. Zataransky	Port Arthur
Poltava	Russian battleship	10,660	16	10,600	Capt. Osoroff	Port Arthur
Rashchynica	Russian cruiser	1234	10	1788	Comdr. Liven	Port Arthur
Relvian	Russian battleship	12,902	16	16,000	—	Port Arthur
Rosia	Russian protected cruiser	13,200	68	17,000	Captain Sepelrennipo	Port Arthur
Rurik	Russian protected cruiser	10,923	26	13,250	Capt. Masigovich	Vladivostok
Saryatopol	Russian battleship	10,660	16	10,600	Captain Gerasimovich	Port Arthur
Slatch	Russian gunboat	650	9	1125	Lieut.-Comdr. Ivanoff	Port Arthur
Sivoch	Russian gunboat	1050	8	1120	Comdr. Ginter	Port Arthur
Tsarvitch	Russian battleship	12,900	36	16,800	—	Port Arthur
Varyag	Russian cruiser	651	27	20,000	Capt. Bahr	Port Arthur
Vasnik	Russian gunboat	500	9	8800	Comdr. Zagoriansky-Klasi	Port Arthur
Zabiyaka	Russian cruiser	1830	15	1194	Comdr. Abramoff	Port Arthur
Albany	U. S. cruiser	3600	—	—	Capt. J. H. Rodgers	Shanghai
Annapolis	U. S. gunboat	1000	6	1227	Lieut. M. L. Miller	Shanghai
Callao	U. S. cruiser	2935	—	—	Capt. H. E. Mason	Shanghai
Cincinnati	U. S. gunboat	3213	—	1600	Captain Denfield	Singapore
Don Juan de Austria	U. S. gunboat	3015	—	—	—	Shanghai
Elcano	U. S. gunboat	540	—	—	Lt.-Comdr. J. H. Hood	Shanghai
Elcano	U. S. gunboat	1389	8	1898	Comdr. Staunton	Shanghai
Elcano	U. S. gunboat	11,600	41	10,000	Captain R. M. Berry	Shanghai
Elcano	U. S. gunboat	3990	6	2600	Captain Moberg	Shanghai
Elcano	U. S. gunboat	1290	6	850	Captain Denfield	Shanghai
Elcano	U. S. gunboat	4964	4	5344	Comdr. W. H. Bostles	Shanghai
Elcano	U. S. gunboat	4137	30	—	Commander Blockings	Shanghai
Elcano	U. S. cruiser	10,388	46	—	Captain Barrall	Shanghai
Elcano	U. S. cruiser	4000	—	—	Commander C. L. Dyer	Shanghai
Elcano	U. S. cruiser	3018	—	—	Captain Nasco	Shanghai
Elcano	U. S. cruiser	1000	18	1118	Comdr. C. Marshall	Shanghai
Elcano	U. S. cruiser	400	—	—	Captain C. Marshall	Shanghai
Elcano	U. S. gunboat	1297	8	1284	Comdr. C. Marshall	Shanghai

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MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.
Meeting.
Noon.—Meeting of Shareholders of Geo. Fenwick & Co., Ltd., in the Hongkong Hotel.
Miscellaneous.
9 p.m.—Farewell Concert in St. Andrew's Hall.
9 p.m.—Military Gun Practice. Goods per *Prinsen* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

General Memoranda.
THURSDAY, March 10.—
11.30 a.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of The China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., at the Company's Office.
12.15 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., at the Company's Office.
3.30 p.m.—Auction of Valuable Household Furniture, &c., No. 10, Macdonnell Road.
Goods per *Arratoon* undelivered after 4 p.m. on this date will be loaded.

FRIDAY, March 11.—
9 p.m.—A. D. C. Performance at the City Hall.
Transfer Books of Luzon Sugar Refining Co., Ltd., closed from this date to the 24th March, inclusive.
Transfer Books of China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd., closed from this date to the 24th March, inclusive.

SATURDAY, March 12.—
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Valuable Household Furniture, &c., at Mr Geo. P. Lammer's Sales Rooms.
Goods per *Brigantia* undelivered after this date subject to rent.



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March 8, 1904.

DEATH.
On January 29, at Orydon, O. M. Linn, aged 69, of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank.
The publication of this issue commenced at 5.45 p.m.

The China Mail.
HONGKONG, TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 1904.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Alice Memorial Hospital.
The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Netherole Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks, the following donations to the funds of the Hospitals:—
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Jabez Balfour.
An Isle of Wight Correspondent says that Jabez Balfour is in the best of health at Parkhurst Prison, where he takes a keen interest in his work. His present occupation is the manufacture of hammocks for the Navy. Jabez Balfour is a member of the choir which sings at the church services on Sundays.

War Map.
We have received from the South China Morning Post, Limited, a War Map in colours. The map is a large one, but folds up into small compass, and is eminently suitable for following the course of the campaign on sea or on land. The price is very moderate, and the map is an excellent production, although there are not many place names on it, only the more important places being given.

New Russian War Post.
A report from Berlin states that the Russian Admiralty has decided to substitute Libau for Kronstadt as a War Port, the former being accessible to ships throughout the winter, whereas Kronstadt is not always free from ice. The cost of the necessary works at Libau is estimated at 176,000,000 roubles. In view of recent contingencies, we presume Russia will find it convenient to postpone this project.

Regimental Sports.
The following is the programme for the Royal Artillery sports to be held on the 30th and 31st insts.:—One Mile Flat Race, Half-mile Flat Race (H.K. and S.B., R.G.A.), Long Jump, Putting the Weight, Half-mile Flat Race, Trampolines Race, Tug-of-war (open), Hurdle Race, High Jump, 100 yards Flat Race, Wheel Race, Quarter-mile Flat Race, One Mile Flat Race (R.N., European Garrison and Police), Quarter-mile Flat Race (R.N., European Garrison and Police), Officers' Race (open), Putting the Weight (H.K. and S.B., R.G.A.), Veterans Race, Sergeant's Race, Four-legged Race, Band Race, and Boys' and Girls' Race (R.G.A. only).

The late Sir Leslie Stephen.
Commenting on the late Sir Leslie Stephen, the *Times* of Ceylon says:—Sir Leslie Stephen was one of the most accomplished writers of the day. His share in the 'Dictionary of National Biography' will always be fondly remembered. He married the youngest daughter of W. M. Thackeray. As a critic the late Sir Leslie Stephen was profound and lucid, and he made his points with remarkable effect. He has latterly been publishing his literary reminiscences, which have proved delightful reading. He will be remembered, apart from his own well-balanced brain and facile pen, as the brother of the author of the Indian Penal Code, and father of the deeply-mourned 'J.K.S.' that brilliant young genius who, like Marlow, has been described as one of our greatest 'nightmare' poets.

Chinese at the Races.
The Hongkong correspondent of the *N. C. Daily News* makes the following sensible remarks on a feature of the recent Hongkong Race Meeting, which has occasioned much criticism locally:—The arrangements were excellent and everything went well, but one blemish must be recorded, which I may remark was noticed by visitors from your port. I allude to the presence in the enclosure of a large number of coolies, amahs, and natives of doubtful character, who made themselves more prominent than was either desirable or agreeable. There is no reason why well-dressed and well-behaved Chinese should not be admitted to the enclosure, but their servants and coolies should not be allowed there, much less to push to the front among those who have paid for admission. I am told you manage these things better in Shanghai, and I can well believe it, for we are exceedingly lax in our management of the native mob. If there is a review on, or some distinguished visitor landing, the gamins are allowed to take charge, and the guardians of the peace look indulgently on. So badly was the Emperor of China's brother mobbed when he landed here to go to the Chinese Club that I am assured he objected to face the ordeal a second time. It is all very well to treat the Chinese with kindness, but the mob—a very rude one—should at least be kept within limits and taught to respect their superiors. I put this down to the absolute want of all respect for those in authority innate in the Cantonese. The mandarins endeavor to implant it with small success, by the aid of the 'honor' we only give up the task.

He Found Relief.
GEORGE RUDKIN, Town Clerk, Kumara, New Zealand, says:—I have very great pleasure in stating that having used Chamberlain's Pain Balm in a very severe attack of sciatica, I found immediate relief. Had before tried many other embrocations for the same purpose, but found this the most efficacious. Several of my friends who have been afflicted with rheumatism have, on my advice, tried Chamberlain's Pain Balm with equally good results. I confidently recommend it to those in need of a good household liniment or embrocation. For sale by all chemists and medicinal vendors. *Waxman Ltd., General Agents.*

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Notes by the Way.
Madame Lilian Nordica, the well-known vocalist, has obtained a decree of divorce from Mr Zoltan Doeme.

Miss Florence Hayward, whose stage name is Vera Zelene, announces her engagement to Sir John Willoughby.

A census of India taken recently showed that there were 500,000 fewer Hindus, and 600,000 more native Christians than there were in 1891.

A Belfast telegram reports that a woman, named Jane Maguire, has died in Castle Blaney Workhouse at the age of 117 years. She had spent 30 years of her life in the workhouse.

Vice-Admiral Sir Gerard U. Noel, K.C.B., who succeeds Admiral Bridge as Commander-in-Chief on the China Station, arrives in Hongkong on Friday by the incoming P. and O. mail steamer.

The Commander-in-Chief (Lord Roberts) has expressed his appreciation of the report of a journey to and from Peking via the Siberian Railway, made by Lieut. G. B. A. Russell, 3rd Grenadier Guards.

Mr Justice Kennedy, London, adjudged that the Great Fingall Consolidated, Limited, were liable for £20,000, the amount advanced by Messrs Reuben and Lodenburg to A. Stanley Rowe, formerly secretary to the company, upon a forged certificate for 5,000 shares.

The case in which the National Bank of China sued Chan Lai Chai for \$62,000 again occupied the attention of the Supreme Court. Mr Slade raised a point that negligence had to be proved by the plaintiffs before the case could be sent to the jury. After a lengthy argument His Lordship held that the case would have to go before the jury. An adjournment was made until to-morrow.

Army Accommodations.
Mr Arnold-Foster, replying to questions in the House of Commons, said the Cavalry will retain the sword on active service, but the Artillery will not.

Golf-Driving at Singapore.
A long-driving competition of the Singapore Golf Club for the Edin prizes came off on the 26th ult. F. Ferguson was first with 192 yards and Bishop second with 182 yards. Longmair was third with 179 yards. The longest drop drive was won by R. T. Reid with 192 yards.

A Commercial Agent.
Mr J. B. Sutor, the Commercial Representative of the State of New South Wales, who is on a commercial mission to the Far East, returned to Hongkong from Japan a few days ago, and leaves to-morrow by the *Tremont* for Manila. Upon his return from the Philippine Islands, he will give a lecture on Australian topics, and from what we have heard of Mr Sutor we may predict safely that he will interest his audience.

Madame Candotti's Concert.
To-morrow night Madame Candotti, assisted by several of Hongkong's leading ladies and gentlemen, will give a farewell concert in the City Hall. The full programme is published in another portion of our issue. Mr. Ough, Mrs. Gordon, Mr. Grimboll and Mr. Miller will take part, and Madame Candotti will play several piano-forte solos, in addition to singing Godard's *Bonheur de l'op. Jocelyn*. A fine night's entertainment is promised for music lovers.

The late Sir E. J. Ackroyd.
The *Standard* makes the following reference to the late Sir E. J. Ackroyd:—Sir Edward James Ackroyd died, at his residence, 14, Fourth-avenue, Hove, yesterday, after a long illness. He was a son of the late Assistant Commissary General Robert Ackroyd, and was born in 1838. He was educated at the Royal College, Mauritius, became a Barrister of the Middle Temple in 1872, and entering the Civil Service of Mauritius in 1853, afterwards held various judicial offices in that Island. He was appointed Registrar of the Supreme Court at Hongkong in 1882, was Acting Attorney General, Hongkong, from 1884 to 1888, Acting Chief Justice 1891 and 1894, and Puisne Judge, Hongkong, 1892-5. For many years he was a member of the Council of Education at Mauritius, and was a member of the Commission for the Revision of the Hongkong Laws, Chairman of the Civil Retrenchment Commission, and President of the Taiping Shing Board of Arbitration. In 1880 he married Mary, eldest daughter of the late Mr. Henry Lucas. The deceased gentleman, who was created a Knight in 1902, spent the closing years of his life at Hove, taking considerable interest in the affairs of the town.

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A Volcano in Eruption.
Owing to the eruption of the volcano Merapi, on the west coast of Sumatra, twelve persons were killed and twenty injured.

The Cape-Cairo Railway.
A contract has been let for the extension of the Cape-Cairo Railway to Broken Hill mine, 1081 miles from Capetown, and 350 miles beyond Victoria Falls.

Swimming.
R. Cavill, the speedy, New South Wales swimmer, swam 100 yards in 59 seconds on January 29, at Sydney. This is faster time than any other than an Australian has swum the same distance.

Enteric and Small-pox.
During the week ended March 5, there were three cases of Enteric fever in the Colony, one Chinaman and two Europeans, one of the latter cases being imported. Two deaths from smallpox occurred among the Chinese population.

Railway for Siam.
A railway concession is about to be granted to a certain power in Siam (says the *Siam Free Press*). The railway is to run from Chienmai to Chiang Rai, through the South Shan States, and connecting with the Burmah system.

Cricket Record for Ceylon.
Playing for Kalutara against Kelani Valley in Ceylon, Mr. W. L. Kinderley made a record score for the Isle of Spicy Breezes by scoring 67 in the first innings and 231, not out, in the second. The previous record was Mr. A. L. Gibson's 218 for Dinulaba against Dikoya in 1902.

A Costly 'Little War.'
Mr Arnold-Foster, replying to a question in the House of Commons, said the monthly cost of the operations in Somaliland was £116,000. The Mullah was now so enveloped that General Egerston hoped it would be possible shortly to deal a heavy blow, thus facilitating the conclusion of the campaign.

H.M.S. 'Worcester.'
Sir Thomas Sutherland has accepted the Chairmanship of the Incorporated Thames Nautical Training College, His Majesty's ship *Worcester*, in succession to the late Sir Edwyn Sandys Davies. The P. and O. Company, of which Sir Thomas is Chairman and Managing Director, have for many years presented annually a gold watch to the boy who is second in the King's Gold Medal Competition.

Chinese Customs Collection.
The *N. C. Daily News* reports the receipt of the 'Customs Gazette' for the fourth quarter of last year. The comparative statement of the total amount of dues and duties collected during the quarter in 1903 and 1902 is as under, in Haikuan taels:—

	1903.	1902.
Chinese ports	7,890,888	8,177,894
Kowloon and Lappa ..	186,609	157,114
Lungchow, Mengtze, Szamoa, and Tientsin	66,400	57,644
Total	8,143,897	8,392,652

The total collection at Shanghai during the quarter was Tls. 2,302,934 against Tls. 3,190,503 in the same quarter of 1902.

Record-Breaking.
The present season appears to be a record-breaking one in Australia. Not only has the wheat crop reached dimensions never heard of before, but in all branches of sport records have been broken. As we chronicled recently, new cycling and swimming records were established in Sydney, and now from Melbourne, at the Australasian Champion Sports' meeting, comes news of athletic records being broken. The half-mile foot race was won by H. Sutton, a Victorian, in 1 min. 58 seconds, which constitutes an Australasian record. W. O'Reilly, from New South Wales, threw the sixteen pound hammer 130 feet 10 inches, putting up a Victorian record by a margin of 13 feet one inch. The three-mile foot race was won by R. A. Ferguson (Victoria) in 15 min 39 seconds, which also stands as a Victorian record. The quarter-mile hurdle race was run in 584 seconds, a world's record, by G. W. Smith (New Zealand).

The Russian Sailors.
The *Times* of Ceylon says with regard to the Russian sailors sent to Colombo:—We are not told how long they are to stay, or what their status whilst here will be. Prisoners-of-war of ours, of course, they are not, and no doubt they will be here on parole. Presumably they are being brought all the way to Ceylon and dumped down here because it is an island equally far from Russia as from the seat of war. As brave sailors of a Foreign Power with which we are at peace they naturally will receive a sympathetic reception at our hands, particularly as they have been so unfortunate as to lose their ships and are not able any longer to fight their country's battles. We would much rather that they did not come here, where their position is rather embarrassing and liable to misconstruction at the hands of the native community. But no doubt the arrangements have been made by the Japanese and Russian authorities. It is hardly possible for them to receive them as hospitably as possible, and to express sympathy for their misfortune. It is hardly possible to carry them on to some other place.

TELEGRAMS.

[REUTERS' SERVICE]
THE WAR.
LONDON, March 6.

A St. Petersburg telegram from Vladivostok says that a bombardment occurred at 1.25 p.m. on the 6th instant. Five Japanese battleships and two cruisers were firing all their guns at a range of five miles. No damage was done, most of the 500 Lyddite shells fired failing to explode. The Russian batteries made no reply, awaiting the nearer approach of the enemy, who later on retired. The Japanese ships were covered with ice.

Considerable numbers of men are volunteering at Vladivostok, and one man is selected from every two. A fatus corps of irregulars is forming.

ON THE EVE OF WAR.
The Situation Discussed in Russia.
Moscow, Jan. 31.

The tide appears to have now turned in the direction of war, and everywhere one hears the *Fas East* discussed once more. With the exclusion of any but colourless news from the English papers, there is more than the customary dearth of information, nothing whatever having yet been allowed to leak out through Russian channels, though doubtless the tone of the Press is guided, as usual, by discreet hints from authoritative quarters. And this tone is now distinctly more warlike. The *Novoye Vremya* asserts that the position that Manchuria is the concern of Russia and China alone, and the only question which can be at all discussed with Japan is that of Korea. Here Russia and Japan are on all fours, says this paper, and all that remains to be done, if peace is desired by Japan, is to settle the respective spheres of influence of the two equally interested nations. The *Source Gazette*, which a couple of months ago was making a sustained and serious effort to educate the Russian in the understanding of the meaning of Sea-Power, has now, with the test of the Russian papers, reverted to the familiar Russian boast that nothing can touch the Russian Army on land, and that Japan will find it as difficult to arrive at any definite result by means of her suddenly increased Navy as 'England would find it to deal with a general revolt in India or a Russian Army in Afghanistan, by means of her Naval Power.'

The *Novoye Vremya* has started a subscription list to present a battleship or cruiser to the Russian Government. The idea began with a flourish of patriotism about a month ago, and up to date some thirty like fifty or sixty roubles has been collected—fifty or sixty pound sterling! This paper, whose unscrupulous methods even in internal matters are a source of considerable amusement to the Russians themselves, has to-day a long article upon the 'perfidy' of the Britisher in the course of which Japan is assured that there is good ground for believing that what the British Government really aims at in urging Japan to try conclusions with the 'Colossus of the North,' is to get Russia to annihilate Japan, and thus save commercial England from the dangerous competition which she is supposed to hold in dread. The truth, as understood elsewhere in the world, bears a different aspect in 'Holy Russia,' and in times of crisis becomes almost unrecognisable. The *Svet*, for example, says that 'the Russian Reply to the Japanese Note has been somewhat delayed, but in Europe it is thoroughly understood that the question of war or peace will entirely depend upon Japan. Russia is making Japan all possible concessions, and acknowledges her preponderant influence in Korea. But the Japanese want besides to hold a preferential position in Manchuria, and to enjoy these privileges which are not enjoyed by other Powers. This Russia cannot allow to Japan.'

Russian values of all kinds on the Money Markets have fallen of late very seriously. Even the soundest State paper has gone down from five to fifteen per cent, and there have been panics once or twice on the Bourses of Moscow and St. Petersburg. The business world, outside the ring of speculators who have planned to secure a rich harvest from the opportunities which war affords nowhere so unlimited as in vernal Russia, is in a state of depression which is noticeable even in the general gloom which has prevailed more or less in Russia for four or five years back.

What the *Novoye Vremya* considers a satisfactory compromise with Japan is a division of spheres of influence—Russia to take the North above parallel 39, the line of Port Arthur, and leave to Japan everything South of this line. 'But,' adds the paper, 'only in the economic sense.' It is impossible for Russia to think of allowing Japan to consolidate her strategic position in any part of Korea, to build forts or secure harbours. This would threaten our sea communication between Vladivostok and Port Arthur, as well as interfere with the commercial development we have undertaken in the hinterland of these ports. If Japan is really as desirous of peace and as sincere as Russia, she will be content with these conditions without demanding impracticable concessions not of her own seeking, but urged upon her by outsiders.' In short, according to this paper, Russia will be pleased to keep the peace if Japan allows Russian influence in the North of Korea, and does not seek to secure her own position in the South of the Peninsula. In other words, if Japan will yield the whole of Korea up to Russia there will be no war. Every one who knows anything of Russian affairs can foresee that this would infallibly be the result of any such arrangement. Russia would aim and hold every inch that suited her of the Northern half, and settle the first pretext to continue the process beyond the border-line of the proposed sphere of influence. Russia is constitutionally blind to anything like an exact line of demarcation in the matter of frontiers. She has not yet understooded to tell the world what she considers to be her 'sphere of influence,' her 'newly-acquired territory'—variously named according to the mood of the moment—in Manchuria. China might possibly find it convenient at the present moment, to 'draw a line' for herself, and it is what the Russians fear she will do. It is pretended, however, that for China to do this would mean that she would be very soon a thing for Russia, since whatever might be the fate of Japan after a war with the 'Colossus of the North,' the destiny of China would in any case be sealed. But it is easy to win battles in paper. How many times has Russia conquered India, defeated Japan, and yet been driven to a humiliating peace? It is hardly possible to carry them on to some other place.

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The *N. C. Daily News* reports the receipt of the 'Customs Gazette' for the fourth quarter of last year. The comparative statement of the total amount of dues and duties collected during the quarter in 1903 and 1902 is as under, in Haikuan taels:—

	1903.	1902.
Chinese ports	7,890,888	8,177,894
Kowloon and Lappa ..	186,609	157,114
Lungchow, Mengtze, Szamoa, and Tientsin	66,400	57,644
Total	8,143,897	8,392,652

The total collection at Shanghai during the quarter was Tls. 2,302,934 against Tls. 3,190,503 in the same quarter of 1902.

Record-Breaking.
The present season appears to be a record-breaking one in Australia. Not only has the wheat crop reached dimensions never heard of before, but in all branches of sport records have been broken. As we chronicled recently, new cycling and swimming records were established in Sydney, and now from Melbourne, at the Australasian Champion Sports' meeting, comes news of athletic records being broken. The half-mile foot race was won by H. Sutton, a Victorian, in 1 min. 58 seconds, which constitutes an Australasian record. W. O'Reilly, from New South Wales, threw the sixteen pound hammer 130 feet 10 inches, putting up a Victorian record by a margin of 13 feet one inch. The three-mile foot race was won by R. A. Ferguson (Victoria) in 15 min 39 seconds, which also stands as a Victorian record. The quarter-mile hurdle race was run in 584 seconds, a world's record, by G. W. Smith (New Zealand).

The Russian Sailors.
The *Times* of Ceylon says with regard to the Russian sailors sent to Colombo:—We are not told how long they are to stay, or what their status whilst here will be. Prisoners-of-war of ours, of course, they are not, and no doubt they will be here on parole. Presumably they are being brought all the way to Ceylon and dumped down here because it is an island equally far from Russia as from the seat of war. As brave sailors of a Foreign Power with which we are at peace they naturally will receive a sympathetic reception at our hands, particularly as they have been so unfortunate as to lose their ships and are not able any longer to fight their country's battles. We would much rather that they did not come here, where their position is rather embarrassing and liable to misconstruction at the hands of the native community. But no doubt the arrangements have been made by the Japanese and Russian authorities. It is hardly possible for them to receive them as hospitably as possible, and to express sympathy for their misfortune. It is hardly possible to carry them on to some other place.

THE PORT ARTHUR BATTLE.
A Russian Account.
The *Echo de Chine* translates from the *Novi Smit* the following account of the operations at Port Arthur on the 8th and 9th of February.
Towards midnight, and although war had not yet been declared, four Japanese torpedo-boats attacked our vessels which were on the anchorage outside the harbour. The torpedo-boats were received with a well-sustained fire. Some of the numerous torpedoes launched by the enemy struck the ironclads *Retson* and *Tsushima* and the cruiser *Palada*, damaging them.
Neither the engines nor the guns of either of the three vessels suffered and they continued to float. In spite of the darkness of the night, measures were taken to tow them within the harbour.
Our losses in this attack were: Officers, none; blue-jackets, killed two, drowned five, wounded eight.
After the attack several unexploded torpedoes were found floating on the water. Entering the harbour, the damaged vessels grounded on account of the low tide. The *Tsushima* floated off next morning and entered the harbour.
On the morning of the 9th February the approach of a Japanese squadron was signalled. Everything was ready to repulse the enemy in case of an attack.
Our squadron was composed of the ironclads *Potemkin*, flying the flag of Vice-Admiral Bick, commanding the squadron, the *Paladin*, the *Sesquipedal*, and the *Perseus*, flying the flag of Rear-Admiral Prince Oukhtomsky; the cruisers *Bayan*, *Diana*, *Aspid*, *Boyarin*, *North*, and the transport *Angara*. All, under full steam, were ready to engage.
Towards eight o'clock, four Japanese second-class cruisers passed in front of the squadron, moving from Liaotshien towards the South-east, and evidently desiring to draw our vessels into following them.
The *Boyarin*, sent to ascertain their movements, returned at 10.35 a.m. and announced the approach of the enemy in considerable force.
At 11 a.m. there appeared on the horizon the enemy's fleet consisting of 12 units, six first-class battleships and six first-class protected cruisers. The four vessels previously seen followed them in line.
At 11.10 a.m. the enemy opened fire at a distance of about four miles, with 12-inch guns. Immediate response was made from our side.
At the beginning of the battle our ships were all in one line, but they presently drew up in double formation. The cruisers *Aspid* and *Boyarin* withdrew aft of the *Lutin* rocks, the cruiser *North* stood off to the left, and the cruiser *Bayan* was between our battleships and the enemy.
The force opened fire after the squadron. During the battle the *Perseus* and his staff stood up positions on Golden Hill. Fighting took place at a range of from 40 to 22 cables and lasted from 30 to 45 minutes.
The enemy's squadron, having approached to within about 20 cables, turned when south of Liaotshien towards the south and disappeared in the light mist which covered the horizon.
The batteries on Golden Hill and Electric Hill were most exposed to the enemy's fire and these places were covered with fragments of shell. A great many shells fell in the old town, as far as and including Quail Hill.
Among the vessels which took an active part in the engagement, the *North*, the *Aspid* and the *Diana* received slight damage.
At the end of the fight a dense column of steam and smoke was observed on the Japanese boats and it is thought that this vessel sank.
The last reports received are that six of the enemy's ships were damaged and their losses in killed and wounded were 150.
Our losses were:—
In the fleet: killed twenty-one sailors, wounded four officers and ninety-seven sailors.
In the forts: killed one sailor; seriously wounded one sailor; slightly wounded three sailors. No officers were killed.
The cruiser *Palada* took part in the battle though around.
The torpedo flotilla was stationed east of the squadron ready to attack the enemy's ships which came nearest, but as these latter ceased to advance and finally disappeared the attack was not made.
Although the enemy's squadron was composed of the strongest units in the Japanese fleet, and all the cruisers were admirably protected, while our cruisers consisted almost entirely of non-protected vessels, our fleet having approached the enemy first and manoeuvred with great rapidity.
The *North* did specially valiantly and several times attacked the Japanese flag-ship *Mikasa*.
Nine land batteries also took part in the battle, chiefly those of Golden Hill and Electric Hill. These two attacked the enemy's fire was chiefly directed at these two batteries, but the most perfect technical requirements, the battle ended with no loss among their defenders.

CORRESPONDENCE.

MUDDY ROADS.

To the Editor of the 'CHINA MAIL.'

HONGKONG, March 7.

DEAR SIR,—Kowloon residents, who are not accustomed to mud in their own neighbourhood, hesitated a little this morning when they reached Pedder Street, as the roadway along it, between the Praya and Des Voeux Road, was shockingly dirty, due to the night's rain. As it leads to our principal landing-gate, and has not been provided with side-walks as yet, it might not be out of place, perhaps, to suggest that those in charge of street cleaning to give it just a little attention now that the rainy season seems to have arrived, if only to save our Colonial face with strange passing through (pending a day only, perhaps) with us, and the sight of some of them toeing it along, taking in lively impressions of our management of things, which does injustice to the ordinary cleanliness and beauty of the place. We won't say anything about the ordinary street crossings, but a traveller, just in from the interior, says he professes any Chinese City he has yet seen in Hongkong on a wet day.—Yours truly,

ANTI-MUD.

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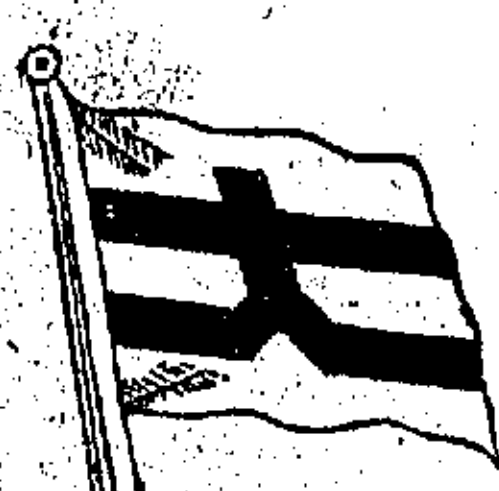
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GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	<i>OOPACK</i>	31st March.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	<i>JASON</i>	5th April.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	<i>ACHILLE</i>	10th April.

HOMEWARDS.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
LONDON & ANTWERP	<i>AXAX</i>	15th March.
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LONDON & ANTWERP	<i>PAELING</i>	29th March.
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SHANGHAI	<i>KWANGSHU</i>	11th March.
KOBE	<i>CHINGTU</i>	21st March.
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